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SUBJECT: FO AND EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONFERENCE

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1. JEAN ROUZIER OF FO WHO ATTENDED 13 AUGUST STOCKHOLM MEETING
(REFTEL) TOLD LABATT THAT QUESTION OF CGT (FRANCE) AND CGIL (ITALY)
PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED EUROPEAN LABOR LEADERS CONFERENCE NEXT
JANUARY WAS DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH BY "CONSULTATIVE" COMMITTEE.
FEATHER OF TUC WAS IN FAVOR OF IMMEDIATE POSITIVE DECISION
BUT VETTER AND GEIJER WERE RELUCTANT, HENCE COMPROMISE SOLUTION
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CALLING FOR FEATHER-VETTER VISITS TO FRANCE AND ITALY.

2. COMMENT: WHILE FO CAN BE COUNTED UPON TO CONTINUE ARGUE AGAINST CGT-CGIL PARTICIPATION, IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW THESE TWO WFTU AFFILIATES CAN BE KEPT OUT OF EUROPEAN LABOR CONFERENCE IF UNIONS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS FO'S ATTITUDE MAY NOT BE VERY EASY TO FORMULATE. GERERON AND A FEW OTHERS MAY WELL BE RECEPTIVE TO ARGUMENTS AGAINST PARTICIPATION IN PROPOED CONFERENCE, EVEN AT COST OF ISOLATION ON EUROPEAN LABOR SCENE, IN HOPES THAT SUCH STAND WILL BE VINDICATED SOME DAY. MOST LIKELY, HOWEVER, FO WILL GO ALONG IN NAME OF REALISM BUT DETERMINED TO KEEP A VIGILANT EYE ON AGENDA AND PREPARATION OF CONFERENCE AND TO SPEAK UP IN COURSE OF IT. HOWEVER, FO SEEMS UNITED ON VIEW ALREADY EXPRESSED BY BERGERON THAT IT WILL WITHDRAW FROM ETUC IF CGT AND CGIL WERE EVER ALLOWED TO AFFILIATE WITH IT.

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